

Why Backyard Farming?

Cause:

High demand of agricultural goods has lead to intensive farming, which requires a rigorous amount of labour and capital as well as a dangerous amount in the use of chemicals to grow a profitable quantity of crops (Britannica, 2009). Intensive farming produces a high yield, with greater profits leading to a more competitive edge in the export market (Emerald Agriculture Technologies, 2007).

Effect:

Intensive farming has lead to an extensive misuse of chemicals that are harmful to the environment. In order to grow a high yield, pesticides must be used to keep destructive insects to a minimal.

While using pesticide can decrease the number of pests, there are many environmental issues associated with it.

Solution:

In modern day farming, many environmental issues are pushed aside and ignored in order to make increasing profits. With the introduction of backyard farming and drip irrigation devices, there will be moderate amount of chemicals used and less water will be wasted.